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THE FIRST SPANISH MISSION IN TEXAS, NEAR CROCKETT, HOUSTON CO. LASTED LESS THAN FOUR YEARS.

THE MISSION PROSPERED UNTIL SICKNESS BROKE OUT AMONG THE INDIANS

THE INDIAN CHIEFS CALLED IN THEIR MEDICINE MEN

FATHER MASSANET, FIRST MISSIONARY, FOUND IT ADVISABLE TO DEPART

THE SPANISH GOVERNOR WROTE A LETTER

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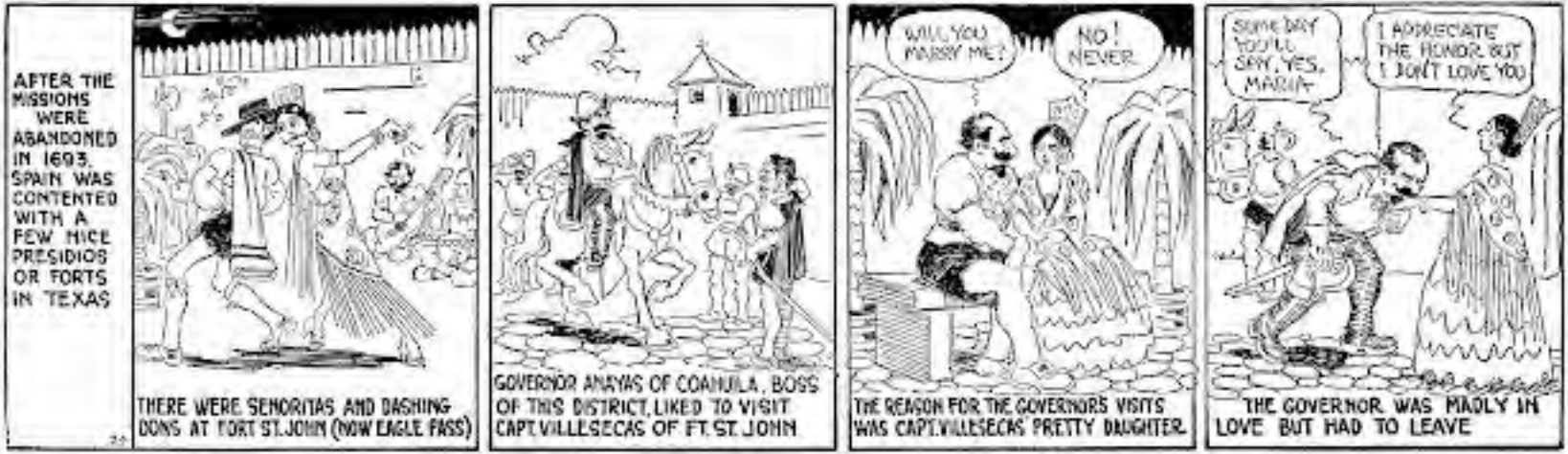
AFTER THE MISSIONS WERE ABANDONED IN 1693, SPAIN WAS CONTENTED WITH A FEW NICE PRESIDIOS OR FORTS IN TEXAS
THERE WERE SENORITAS AND DASHING DONS AT FORT ST. JOHN (NOW EAGLE PASS)
GOVERNOR ANAYAS OF COAHUILA, BOSS OF THIS DISTRICT, LIKED TO VISIT CAPT. VILLESECAS OF FT. ST. JOHN
WILL YOU MARRY ME?
NO! NEVER
THE REASON FOR THE GOVERNORS VISITS WAS CAPT. VILLESECAS PRETTY DAUGHTER
SOME DAY YOU'LL SAY, YES, MARIA
I APPRECIATE THE HONOR, BUT I DON'T LOVE YOU
THE GOVERNOR WAS MADLY IN LOVE BUT HAD TO LEAVE

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IN 1714 THE FRENCH GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA SENT LOUIS ST. DENIS, A DASHING YOUNG PARISIAN, TO TEXAS TO ESTABLISH TRADE ROUTES
WHITE BROTHER HEAP GOOD FELLER
YOUNG ST. DENIS HAD A WAY WITH HIM. HE KNEW HOW TO WIN THE INDIANS
GREETINGS, OH NOBLE BROTHER OF SPAIN
WELCOME, MOST NOBLE BROTHER OF FRANCE
IN AUG. 1714 ST. DENIS ARRIVED AT FT. ST. JOHN
MONSIEUR ST. DENIS MEET MY DAUGHTER, MARIA
SEE (LIGHTS)
ST. DENIS' TROUBLES STARTED
OH, WONDROUS ONE, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL MY LIFE?
WAITING FOR YOU, MY HANDSOME ONE.
THE COURTSHIP

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CAPTAIN VILLESECAS OF FORT ST. JOHN, NEAR EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, WAS ALARMED AT ST. DENIS LOVE-MAKING TO HIS DAUGHTER.
I WANT TWO THINGS, TO BE YOUR SON-IN-LAW AND TO OPEN TRADE BETWEEN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA
BOTH PROPOSITIONS ARE ALL RIGHT, BUT I WILL HAVE TO ASK GOVERNOR ANAYAS, WHO IS IN MEXICO
VILLESECAS INTERVIEWED ST. DENIS
CAPTAIN VILLESECAS RECOMMENDS THAT ST. DENIS BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO STAY
TELL THE CAPTAIN IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME.
VILLESECAS' MESSENGER ARRIVED AT MONCLOVA, COAHUILA
SAY, GOVERNOR, HERE'S A SECRET ST. DENIS HAS BEEN MAKING LOVE TO MARIA YOUR GIRL
THE MESSENGER TOLD SOME INSIDE GOSSIP
CARAMBA, BRING THAT SCOUNDREL TO ME. I'LL FIX HIM.
THE GOVERNOR WAXED EXCEEDINGLY WROTHFUL